

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Amend the Abstract as follows:

~~--Method and apparatus for forming a~~ A paper, or board web and a or non-woven product made using the method. According to the method, the web (11) is made from containing a fiber layer containing cellulosic fibers, plant fibers or other material suitable for making a paper, board or non-woven product. One surface of the fiber layer ~~and then the web (11)~~ is treated with pigment particles. The web is treated with microscopic pigment particles whose average size is so small as to permit the particles to adhere to each other by van der Waals forces. ~~The particles are transferred to the web and adhered thereto advantageously using an ion blast technique.~~

~~(Fig. 1)~~ --